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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION OF MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Introduction

This report contains [redacted] information about an alleged under-50X1-HUM ground tank storage area; fragmentary information about an unidentified military unit in FRENSTAT, an access road to the alleged under-50X1-HUM ground tank storage area, Highway #18, PRAGUE-ROZNOV, Highway 486, ROZNOV-FRENSTAT, and a 220 KV electric power line. [redacted]

Listed below are the names and coordinates of locations mentioned in this report:

Location	Coordinates
FRENSTAT	4933N 1813E
FRYDEK-MISTEK	4941N 1821E
HRANICE	4935N 1745E
PREROV	4927N 1727E
ROZNOV	4928N 1808E

1. Alleged Underground Tank Storage area in Rodhost Mountain

a. General

The alleged underground storage area (Item 1, Annex A) was about halfway between ROZNOV and FRENSTAT in a cave, the entrance of which was on a coniferous hillside of Rodhost Mountain. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] the army had adapted a huge cave for tank storage. 50X1-HUM

[redacted] the Army was conducting underground construction at the site and that maximum security was enforced. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] there was an underground area in Rodhost Mountain and that a tank could be driven through its entrance. 50X1-HUM

b. Power

[redacted] a 22 KV electric power line suspended from 50X1-HUM wooden poles extending from the military installation in FRENSTAT in the direction of the storage area.

c. Security

Several unidentified army guards were posted at a barrier at the entrance of an access road (Item 2, Annex A) to the storage area which branched off the ROZNOV-FRENSTAT Highway, #486. [redacted] 50X1-HUM [redacted] the guards were members of the unit in FRENSTAT because on 50X1-HUM several occasions between 1957 and 1961 [redacted] soldiers traveling by 50X1-HUM Tatra 111 truck between the installation and the area.

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There were international "no stopping" signs on the ROZNOV-FRENSTAT highway when approaching the access road from both directions. The access road had a no entry sign.

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[redacted] civilian employees at the site were not permitted to go home during the week, had to sleep in barracks at the site and were required to bring food for a week with them since they were not allowed to patronize local restaurants.

Guards were hidden along the approach to the alleged underground storage area. In case a vehicle stopped in the no-stop zone they noted the license number and reported it to the state security police (STB), who investigated the unlawful stop.

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[redacted] anybody caught in the area by the roving guards was thoroughly questioned as to their identify and their reason for being there.

2. Unidentified Possible Tank Regiment at FRENSTAT

a. General

The installation (see Annex B and Item 2, Annex A) was on flat terrain, immediately east of and adjacent to the Roznov Frenstat highway (see Item 4, Annex A) and about 350 m south of a railroad barrier on the Verovice-Frenstat-Ostrava rail line on the southern outskirts of FRENSTAT.

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[redacted] 1500 tank soldiers were stationed there.

[redacted] tank regiment and two additional tank regiments, one in FRYDEK-MISTEK and the other in HRANICE were part of an unidentified tank division, location unknown.

b. Installation Description

The area was about 300 m by at least 160 m. It was surrounded by a brick wall with a seldom used entrance on the Roznov-Frenstat highway. [redacted] the asphalt wearing course of the highway showed no wear from tank tracks and [redacted] no tanks pass through the entrance. [redacted] the tanks used an entrance the eastern side of the installation.

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[redacted] eight buildings (see Item 2, Annex B) in the installation, all were occupied by unidentified soldiers

From the appearance of the buildings, [redacted] the installation was built shortly before World War II. [redacted] observed no training or assembly areas in the installation

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d. Equipment

[redacted] a large number of unidentified tanks which were lined up in several rows, and an unknown number of Tatra 111 trucks, but no other equipment in the installation.

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4. Highways and Roads in the Roznov-Frenstat Area

a. Access Road To Alleged Underground Tank Storage Area

The access road (see Item 3, Annex A) to the alleged underground storage area connected with highway #486 halfway between ROZNOV and FRENSTAT.

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[redacted] it was an unimproved forest path [redacted] in 1954 or 1955. In 1957 or 1958 [redacted] it had a new rolled gravel wearing course, about 5 m wide, [redacted] extending for a distance of 150 m to 200 m along the Rodhost Mountain before it disappeared in the forest. [redacted] observed no evidence of wear of the wearing course between 1958 and 1963.

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b. Highway #486 ROZNOV-FRENSTAT

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[redacted] The distance between ROZNOV and FRENSTAT was 13 km. Between 1950 and 1952, the wearing course was rebuilt from rolled gravel to granite stones embedded in asphalt, for a distance of about 7.5 km, from the northern outskirts of ROZNOV passing over Pindula Mountain. The section (see Item 4 a, Annex A) was widened from 6.5 km to 8 m. It was straight from ROZNOV to the base of the Pindula Mountain and from there rose and descended in five or six curves. [redacted] estimated [redacted] difference in elevation between ROZNOV and the highest point of the highway was approximately 200 m. The maximum safe traveling speed for passenger cars on the straight sector of the highway was 90 km and on the curves, which were sufficiently wide and had excellent alignment, 60 km per hour. The section (see Item 4 b, Annex A) extending from the base of Pindula Mountain to FRENSTAT was about 5.5 km long and had an asphalt wearing course, about 7 m wide in good condition. There were rolled gravel shoulders and adequate ditches on both sides of the highway. There were three or four bridges all of the same type and appearance on the highway [redacted] (see Item 8, Annex B). It was a masonry structure, with an 8 to 10 m wide asphalt wearing course and was 10 m long spanning an unnavigable small stream. Although [redacted] saw no tanks passing over this or the other two or three bridges on the highway [redacted] they could be used by tanks, since there were no weight restriction or speed limit signs posted at any of them. Traffic on the highway was fairly dense and consisted of trucks, both army and civilian, buses, and cars. [redacted] even after heavy snowfalls the highway was kept open for all traffic.

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c. Highway #18, PRAGUE-ROZNOV to Poland

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[redacted] It had a new, two-lane, asphalt-wearing course, approximately 7.5 m wide, in excellent condition.

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Traffic on highway #18 was more dense than on other highways in

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Czechoslovakia, and included trucks, cars, tractors, buses, and horse-drawn vehicles. [redacted] unable to estimate the volume of traffic.

[redacted]

5. 220 kv Electric High Tension Powerline

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In 1956 construction of a 220 kv electric high tension powerline (see Item 5, Annex A) began by clearing a path about 300 m wide through the rugged mountainous terrain between UTM BV 9693 and BV 9682. During 1960, [redacted] 15 to 20 m high steel towers had been erected 80 to 100 m apart between the aforementioned points. From 50X1-HUM each of the towers three cables were suspended; each was insulated by two groups of 10 porcelain insulators. [redacted]

[redacted] the 220 kv electric powerline was part of an international grid, which included Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. 50X1-HUM

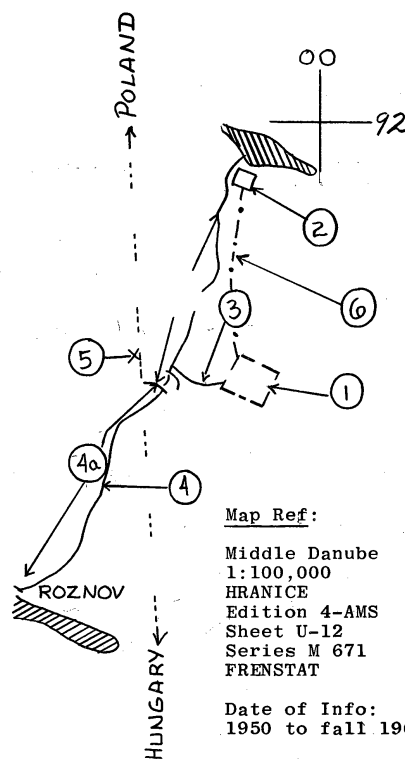
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Legend

1. Approximate location of alleged underground tank storage area.
2. Unidentified, possible tank regiment installation.
3. Access road to alleged underground tank storage area
4. Highway #486 *ROZNOV-FRENSTAT
 - a. Section of Highway #486 paved with granite stones embedded in asphalt.
 - b. Section of Highway #486 which had an asphalt wearing course.
5. 220 KV international high tension electric powerline.
6. 220 KV electric powerline between possible tank regiment installation and alleged underground tank storage area.



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1950 to fall 1963

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Personal Observation

ANNEX -A- (Overlay)
Location of Alleged Underground Tank Storage Area And
Unidentified, Possible Tank Regiment, FRENSTAT, Czechoslovakia

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ANNEX -B-
(Not Drawn To Scale)

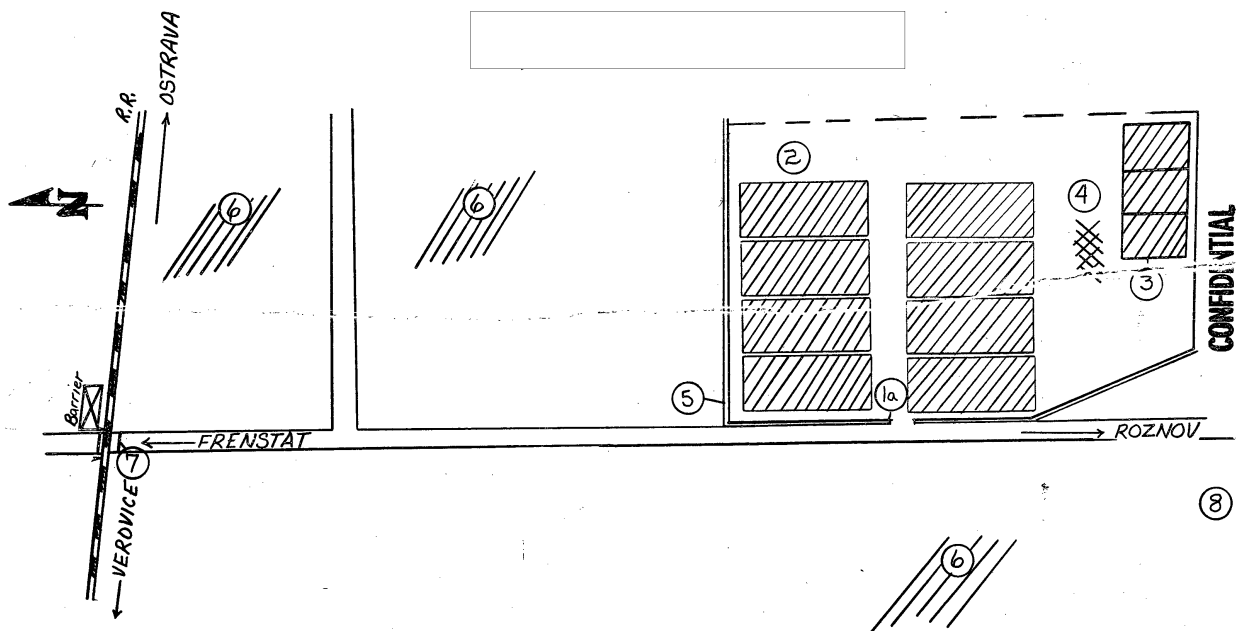
Sketch of Unidentified, Possible Tank Regiment Installation
FRENSTAT, Czechoslovakia

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Legend 1 cm = 20m

1. Entrance to ROZNOV-FRENSTAT Highway
- a. Guard Shack
2. 8 unidentified brick buildings
3. Possible garages
4. Tank parking area

5. Wall, about 2 m high surrounding the installation.
6. New civilian housing areas
7. Railroad barrier on Highway #486 ROZNOV-FRENSTAT
8. Highway bridge



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